

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 6003

As Passed Senate, February 27, 2026

Title: An act relating to the capital budget.

Brief Description: Concerning the capital budget.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Trudeau, Schoesler, Chapman and Nobles; by request of Office of Financial Management).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 1/12/26, 2/24/26, 2/26/26 [DPS].

Floor Activity: Passed Senate: 2/27/26, 49-0.

Brief Summary of First Substitute Bill

- Makes supplemental capital budget appropriations for the 2025-2027 biennium.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6003 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Robinson, Chair; Stanford, Vice Chair, Operating; Trudeau, Vice Chair, Capital; Frame, Vice Chair, Finance; Gildon, Ranking Member, Operating; Torres, Assistant Ranking Member, Operating; Schoesler, Ranking Member, Capital; Dozier, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Kauffman, Muzzall, Pedersen, Riccelli, Saldaña, Wagoner, Warnick and Wilson, C..

Staff: Michael Bezanson (786-7449)

Background: The capital expenses of state government, and its agencies and programs, are

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funded on a biennial basis by an omnibus capital budget adopted by the Legislature in odd numbered years. State capital expenses are paid from state general obligation bonds and from various dedicated funds and accounts. The primary two-year budget is passed in odd-numbered years, and a supplemental budget making adjustments to the two-year budget is passed during even-numbered years. The current capital budget covers the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

Summary of First Substitute Bill: The 2025-2027 biennial capital budget appropriations, including appropriations for general government agencies, human services programs, natural resources agencies, and educational institutions, are modified.

Appropriation: The bill contains an appropriation(s) totaling \$728 million from various accounts.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill (January 12, 2026): *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* Please refer to the January 12, 2026 recording of the public hearing on the Senate Ways & Means Committee Schedules, Agendas & Documents website at <https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/#/WM/////year>.

Persons Testifying: Housing and Human Services. PRO: Ryan Donohue, Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King & Kittitas Counties; Po Leapai, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance; William Booth, Creating Pathways; Rose Lathrop, Kulshan Community Land Trust; Baer-David Dobson, NW Colony Mobile Community; Courtney Hendrix, NW Colony Mobile Community; Michone Preston, Habitat for Humanity of Washington State; Kathryn Opina.

CON: Tim Eyman, Initiative Activist.

OTHER: Jason Gauthier, South Sound Housing Affordability Partners; Michael Moran, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation; Rena Shawver, Okanogan County Community Action Agency; Linda Lauch, American Indian Community Center (AICC); Bilan Aden, African Community Housing and Development; Sebastian Ruiz, Mujeres in Action (MiA); Anna Bondarenko, Thrive International Tacoma.

K-12 Public Schools. PRO: Jay Tyus, Superintendent, Wilbur and Creston Cooperative School Districts; Superintendent Ingrid Colvard, WA Assoc of School Administrators (WASA), Stevenson-Carson School District; Mitch Denning, Alliance of Educational Associations; Joan Huston, Cascadia Technical Academy.

CON: Tim Eyman, Initiative Activist.

Higher Education. PRO: Steve DuPont, Central Washington University; Nora Selander, Western Washington University; Christopher Rosenquist, Associated Students of Western Washington University; David Buri, Eastern Washington University.

CON: Kevin Chang, University of Washington; Tim Eyman, Initiative Activist.

OTHER: Darrell Jennings, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges; Dr. Eric Murray, Cascadia College; Connor Haggerty, Washington State University.

Natural Resources. PRO: David Troutt, Nisqually Indian Tribe.

CON: Tim Eyman, Initiative Activist.

OTHER: Michael Moran, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation; Vanessa Kritzer, Washington Association of Land Trusts; Monica Montgomery, Great Peninsula Conservancy; Daniel Hault, Outdoor Discovery Project.

All Other. PRO: Eli Lieberman, Washington State Green Bank.

CON: Tim Eyman, Initiative Activist.

OTHER: Axel Swanson, Washington State Association of County Engineers; Scott Hazlegrove, WA Association of Sewer & Water Districts; Steven Ellis, Association of Washington Cities; Vince McGowan, Public Works Board; Katrina Brown, Terrain Spokane; Elpidia Saavedra, City of Toppenish.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: K-12 Public Schools. OTHER: Radu Smintina, School's Out Washington.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill (February 24, 2026): *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* Please refer to the February 24, 2026 recording of the public hearing on the Senate Ways & Means Committee Schedules, Agendas & Documents website at <https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/#//WM/////year>.

Persons Testifying: Housing and Human Services: PRO: Joan Penney, Housing Hope; Mary Munjua, United CCO; Josh Townsley, Evergreen Habitat for Humanity; Aya Samman, Comprehensive Healthcare; Samia El Mouslimany, Cherry Street Village; Safa Aldib, MAPS Redmond; Aaron Czyzewski, Food Lifeline; Karen Stratton, American Indian Community Center; Sebastian Ruiz, Mujares in Action; Angela Ngiangi Diansasila, Congolese Integration Network; Mark Finney, Thrive International; Ginger Kwan, Open Doors for Multicultural Families.

OTHER: Erica Hallock, Start Early WA; AyeNay Abye, The Tubman Center for Health

and Freedom; Karina Patel, The Tubman Center for Health and Freedom; Ryan Donohue, Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King & Kittitas Counties; Lisa Yohalem, HealthPoint; Mike Pugsley, Ashley House; Jeff DeLuca, Washington State Community Action Partnership; Kim Justice, Partners for Our Children; Brad Banks, Evergreen Recovery Centers; Michele Thomas, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance; Jesse Simpson, Housing Development Consortium; Leona Colegrove, Tribal Court Judge, Quinault Indian Nation; David Lieberman, African Community Housing and Development; SAMETH MELL; Grace Kim, Schemata Workshop; Sarah Dickmeyer, Plymouth Housing; Francoise Milinganyo, Congolese Integration Network.

K-12 Public Schools. PRO: Mitch Denning, Alliance of Educational Associations.

OTHER: Tyler Muench, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Higher Education. PRO: Arlen Harris, WA State Board for Community & Technical Colleges; Eric Murray, Cascadia College; Christopher Rosenquist, Associated Students of Western Washington University; Connor Haggerty, Washington State University.

Natural Resources. PRO: Dave Herrera, Skokomish Indian Tribe; Jason Callahan, Green Diamond Resource Company; Skippy Shaw, The Nature Conservancy; w. Jay Gordon, Washington state dairy federation; Rose Gundersen, WA Retail Association; Mark Streuli, WA Cattlemen, WA Wheat Growers, WA Potato and Onion Assoc.; Isaac Kastama, Clean & Prosperous Washington.

CON: Ryan Elting, Whidbey Camano Land Trust; David Troutt, Nisqually Indian Tribe.

OTHER: Nathan Daniel, Great Peninsula Conservancy; Elaine Oneil, Washington Farm Forestry Association; Scott Richards, Bonneville Environmental Foundation; Alexei Calambokidis, Trout Unlimited; Cole Baldino, South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group ; Rebecca Springer, City of Ellensburg; Jim Freeburg, Stewards of Washington State Lands; Daniel Whelan, Sustainable Northwest; Daniel Hault, Outdoor Discovery Project.

All Other. PRO: Katrina Brown, Terrain Spokane; Gary Rowe, Public Works Board; Lincoln Ferris, Seattle Chinese Garden; Hoda Abdullahi, Living Well Kent.

OTHER: Tye Menser, Thurston County; Terry Pottmeyer, Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank; Elpidia Saavedra, City of Toppenish; Chairman Nino Maltos, Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe; James Hove, Climate Solutions; Steven Ellis, Association of Washington Cities.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.